

Quarterly Progress Report

Quarter ending September, 2001

Grant Number: 801246

Services provided to local governments, owners, managers and operators of rural utility systems and projects.

During this reporting period an introductory trip was completed to Tanacross. The incumbent traveled with staff and met local staff and toured the local utility project.

Progress on training and education of the Contractor's Rural Utility Business Advisor.

Approval for hire was given and the incumbent was hired on July 2, 2001. The incumbent received extensive training. He attended the OIT class in Fairbanks. He attended an orientation to ANTHC staff and RUBA staff in Anchorage. He attended an introductory QB class. Travel was completed to Glennallen for training purposes in local government.

The RUBA was assigned the role of training facilitator until such time as the position is filled at TCC. In this capacity he has worked closely with coordinating the agenda, speakers (both inside and outside), participants, and staff.

He has traveled to communities with staff to become familiar with the types of problems encountered in this capacity.

Status on the "partnering" approach effectiveness and suggestions for improvement.

The working relationship itself is what it should be.

Staff from both TCC and the state coordinate very closely. We comment and advise on the community plans before they are finalized. Every week the RUBA attends and OEHS staff meeting at TCC.